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MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6th, 1862.

The following instructions having been received from the Surgeon General's Office, are published for the information of Medical Officers of this Department.

- 1. All contracts with citizen nurses must be made by the Medical Director of the Department, or by the Surgeon General.
- 2. The Medical Officer in charge of each hospital, will make on the 15th day of each month, a report of the names, and date of contract, of all citizen nurses in their respective hospitals, to the Medical Director of the Department. No accounts for payment of nurses will pass the Surgeon General's Office unless the name of the nurse is found to have been duly reported by the Medical Officer in charge.
- 3. In making final payment to citizen nurses, Medical Purveyors will not invariably require regularly made pay rolls. Payments may be made on the endorsed contract, accompanied by a certificate as to the amount due, made by the Medical Officer in charge, and dated at the time of discharge.
- 4. Colored men may be employed as nurses or cooks, at a rate not to exceed Fifteen Dollars per month.
- 5. Medical Officers in charge of U.S. General Hospitals are directed to forward to the Asst. Surgeon General, at St. Louis, duplicates of their weekly reports.
- 6. Acting Hospital Stewards do not receive the pay of regularly warranted Stewards. If civilians, they receive the pay of contract nurses; if soldiers, extra duty pay, of 25 cents per diem.
- 7. Medical students can be employed as Acting Medical Cadets, but can receive as full compensation only one cooked ration and quarters.

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